

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 7, 2004 has been received and carefully considered. Applicants believe the amendments made herein address the Examiner's remaining concerns. In the interest of expediting allowance, the claims have been amended to remove the language "related flavones" and restrict "analogs thereof and derivatives thereof" to coumarin and methoxsalen. Applicants have filed a divisional application to pursue canceled subject matter.

Claims 19-20, 23-24, 27-28 and 39-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd ¶ as being indefinite.

The rejections, to the extent applied against the claims as amended, are respectfully traversed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶2

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 19-20, 23-24, 27-28 and 39-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd ¶ as being indefinite because of the recitation of "related flavones" and because "analogs thereof and derivatives thereof" was not restricted to coumarin and methoxsalen. As independent claims 19, 23, and 27 have been amended to remove or clarify the above discussed language the rejection is now moot.

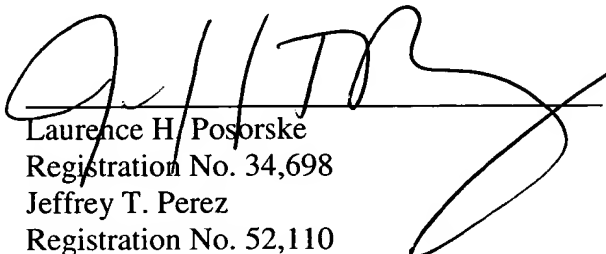
Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn in view of the claim amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants assert that the above-referenced application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. Should any outstanding issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 202-955-1500.

Respectfully submitted,

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